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- 1) This fax cover sheet: (1 page)
- 2) Form 1083 transmittal, in duplicate: (4 pages)
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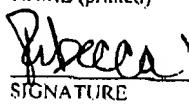
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SERIAL NO: 09/966,608	FILING DATE: September 27, 2001	EXAMINER: L. Scheiner	GROUP ART UNIT: 1648		
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- Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed (in duplicate).
- Terminal Disclaimer with fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d) is enclosed.
- No additional claims fee is required.
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